

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIGS. 1-6 to replace non-English characters with English characters.

Replacement FIGS. 1-6 incorporating this amendment are being submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 7 being independent. Claims 1-6 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7-15 have been amended. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently amended are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-15 would be allowable if amended to overcome the below-stated rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 7-15 to place them in condition of allowance.

Drawings

FIGS. 1-6 were objected for a minor typographical error. Applicants have amended FIGS. 1-6 to overcome this objection.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on June 23, 2005 was objected to as allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document, non-patent literature publication or the portions thereof which caused it to be listed. Applicants are in the process of obtaining the legible copy of each cited foreign patent document and will submit them to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in due course.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Particularly, in making this rejection, the Office Action asserts that the claims include ambiguous features and also include features that lack antecedent basis. Applicants disagree. However, to remove all doubts and to expedite the prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 7-15 to overcome this rejection.

To provide the Examiner with a better understanding of the terms at issue and the manner in which they are claimed, Applicants respectfully point the Examiner to non-limiting examples illustrated by FIGS. 1 and 2 of the present application.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

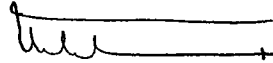
Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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